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Kim Collins
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999 E Street, N.W.
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Re: MUR 6445

Dear Ms. Collins:

We write as counsel to Obama for America and Martin H. Nesbitt, Treasurer, (collectively, "OFA") in response to a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") by Jeff Larson on December 20, 2010 (the "Complaint").

The Complaint alleges that OFA accepted a contribution from a "foreign national" in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441e. However, the contributor in question, Edward John Izzard, is not a "foreign national." It is our understanding that Mr. Izzard is a "lawfully-admitted permanent resident," he has a "green card," and is thus permitted to make contributions to OFA under 2 U.S.C. § 441e(b)(2).¹ Additionally, when OFA accepted the contribution in question, there were no facts that would lead a reasonable person to conclude or inquire whether Mr. Izzard was a foreign national under 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(a). As Mr. Larson

¹ Published reports confirm that Mr. Izzard has a "green card." See, e.g., Rachel E. Stassen-Berger, "FEC complaint filed against Franken committee," *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* (Dec. 16, 2010) available at http://www.startribune.com/politics/blogs/112033274.html?elr=KArks:DCiUec7PaP3E77K_0c::D3aDhUiacyKUnci aec8O7EyUr.

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acknowledges in a follow-up letter to the FEC, the Complaint should thus be immediately dismissed. The Commission should find no reason to believe that OFA violated the Act.

Very truly yours,

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